ABSTRACT

AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM

5   A method of authenticating the identity of a user is described. Each of a plurality of parts of the user's body are placed, in sequence, on a biometric contact sensor at a sensing position.

      A data set of biometric contact characteristics for
10   each of the plurality of body parts is obtained from the sensor.

      Each data set is compared with authentic versions stored in a database and an authentication signal is issued if the data sets satisfactorily match the corresponding
15   authentic versions.

[Figure 1]